

12 September 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2, WDGS:

Subject: Pacific MIRS.

1. Reference is made to Memorandum for Chief, MIRS, above subject, dated 8 September 1944.

2. The Chief, MIRS, assumed responsibility for the operational control of Pacific MIRS on receipt of the above mentioned memorandum. Attached hereto as Tab A is the detailed plan for the full implementation of the Pacific MIRS. Action on the accomplishment of the various steps indicated therein is being expedited.

3. The Chief, MIRS, visited the Pacific MIRS at Camp Ritchie, Maryland, and inspected the establishment. When the personnel complement traveling by rail from the MIRS at Fort Shelling, Minnesota, arrives at Camp Ritchie, the strength of Pacific MIRS will consist of ten officers and thirty-six enlisted men. Specialized training of the personnel has commenced.

4. The Chief, MIRS, consulted with the representative of the Commanding General, MITCH, (Colonel J. K. Hoffman); the Post Engineer, Camp Ritchie; the Chief, Military Branch, MIRS; and the Chief, Pacific MIRS, and by utilizing the means available, by dispensing with certain facilities, by salvaging other materials, and by staggering the conversion construction, the cost estimate has been reduced from \$7,967.00 to \$ 790.00 as outlined in Tab B. This expenditure will be provided from the maintenance funds of the Post, *according to Col. Hoffman.*

5. Reference first sentence in paragraph 7, subject memorandum from the A. C. of S., G-2, dated 8 September 1944, permission is requested to include the Commanding General, U. S. Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, and the Commanding General, Alaskan Department, Reference last sentence same paragraph, it is requested this statement be modified as follows: "These documents should be brought in through British Command Channels to the Headquarters SEAC and their handling then be fully coordinated with the processing of documents for other areas."

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6. Reference paragraph 13, same memorandum, no provision was made for the inclusion of personnel from the various technical intelligence agencies of the ASF in the 10 May memorandum because this personnel is to remain assigned to the ASF and to be attached to Pacific MIRS for liaison purposes only. However, this action should be formalized and has been included as a step in the implementation plan.

7. The implementation of the plan to place Pacific MIRS in full operation is being coordinated with the Policy Staff MID, the Policy Staff OPD, the JIS, and the A.C. of S., G-2, ASF. The Commanding General, Military Intelligence Training Center, will be kept informed.

/s/ Russ Osmun

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Chief, Military Intelligence Service.

September 17, 1944.

NOTE: Action has already been taken to include the two additional army theater commands (see para. 5 above) in the order directing that all captured documents be sent to the MID.

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